

RAC-Resource Sharing Committee Annual Report 2002

Friday, September 13, 2002; Shrewsbury, MA

The RAC-RS met in person at the RML in Shrewsbury on January 11, 2002. Ed Donnalld, Mark Goldstein, Patty Kahn, and Debbie Sibley were present with Pat Wales absent. Anne Parent from the Rhode Island State Library was to be the non-medical library representative, but had to resign from the committee January 4, 2002.

The following list of topics that the RAC Steering Committee had previously identified as potential areas for the Committee to consider was distributed.

- Electronic desktop delivery
- "Borrow Only" Libraries (Affiliates)
- SERHOLD training and use
- ILL Annual Meeting
- Front-end ILL systems: QuickDOC, Clio, ILLiad, Pegasus
- Faster delivery ("snail" mail, fax, electronic)
- Electronic journals and lending policies (OVID, Silverplatter)
- Multi-type library systems and cooperation
- Investigate state initiatives and models
- LoansomeDOC (AHEC's, consumers): Who does it? Who doesn't? (Check DOCUSER)
- Loansome DOC: provide information/classification on use
- Review and update ILL Manual
- Ariel 3 project

The committee discussed the idea of "Borrow Only" Affiliate members within the New England Region. They talked about the necessity to balance the need for these libraries to access medical literature against the equally important need to protect the existing ILL network from undue stress or burden.

The next topic of discussion concerned ongoing issues with the development of **QuickDOC (QD)**, which led to a discussion over **Regional office endorsements** for commercial products. Mark noted that the Clio interface to DOCLINE was both clean and reliable and appears to have more substantial resources behind its continued development. There was agreement by the Committee that the NN/LM NER Regional office should not offer promotional support or public endorsement for a particular product.

Finally, there was a lot of discussion on the content of the Annual ILL Meeting to be held at the Hoagland-Pincus Center in Shrewsbury, MA on Friday, May 10th.

Since the meeting, Ann Devenish from NELINET has been contacted and agreed to fill the non-medical library position on the committee. Ed contacted NAHSL and was subsequently given \$1000.00 towards the Annual Meeting. An electronic copy of the New England Document Delivery Manual, 1996 was given to Mark who after review of the NN/LM contract, determined that this document didn't need to be revised and distributed.

In a peripheral capacity to this committee's charge and a contributory factor as to less committee activity, Ed has been involved with setting up the Electronic Fund Transfer System as an independent entity at the University of Connecticut. He went to the MLA meeting in Dallas, TX and gave presentations to the NLM, NN/LM and conference participants.

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